

2026-2027 School-Based Trauma-Focused Training with Children and Adolescents at DePaul Family and Community Services

In the 2026-2027 academic year, DePaul Family and Community Services will offer a full clinical externship/internship in school and community-based services with children and adolescents exposed to chronic stress and/or trauma. This experience will include:

Group Therapy and Supervision of Others

Program: Group therapy (and supervision of undergraduate mentors) using a dyadic and junior version of Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS) that includes a focus on advocacy and activism on Wednesdays and a second less structured play-based group therapy that integrates SPARCS skills into play on Tuesday or Thursday

Population: 6th-8th graders exposed to chronic stress and/or trauma and their mentors

Supervision: Weekly group and in vivo supervision

Individual and/or Family Therapy (with opportunities for assessment)

Program: Individual and/or family therapy at Chicago Public Schools and/or DePaul Family & Community Services (with opportunities for assessment at either site for those interested)

Population: Children and adolescents exposed to chronic stress and/or trauma

Supervision: Weekly individual supervision

Weekly Schedule

This is an 18-20 hour per week externship/internship. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Tuesdays or Thursdays, 2:45-6:30 p.m., are required hours that include supervision, training, and group work at partner schools. You will have flexibility in determining the timing of the remaining 6-8 hours (within a Monday-Friday schedule).

Candidates from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

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